

REMARKS

Claims 27-39 are pending in the application. All claims stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over EP 0491069 to Pirovano in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,370,143 to Yamagishi. By this amendment claim 27 is amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim certain aspects of applicants' invention. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Further to the above, claim 27 has been amended to replace the limitation "the messages are transmitted without specific database addressing" with the limitation "the messages are transmitted without any database addressing." This amendment is believed to make it clear that the message does not contain an address or other destination indication of the database to which it is transmitted. In contrast, the method of Pirovano implies the use of a called-terminal-address in the messages for updating the corresponding terminal database.

In addition, claim 27 is amended to specify that the messages are transmitted to a set of user terminals not defined in advance.

More particularly addressing the Yamagishi reference cited by the Office, it is respectfully submitted that Yamagishi requires a bidirectional communication between server and receivers, while the method of applicants' claimed invention works with a unidirectional communication from server to databases. The absence of a return channel from receiver to transmitter implies extended specific features and instructions respectively in the receiver and in the messages for updating the databases. Transmission methods working bidirectionally can not be simply used unidirectionally without any changes in the transmitted data and in the sending respectively the receiving devices.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the amended application is believed to be patentable over the cited prior art. Favorable reconsideration of the amended application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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